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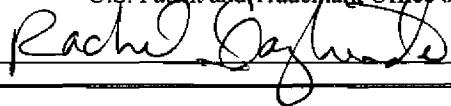
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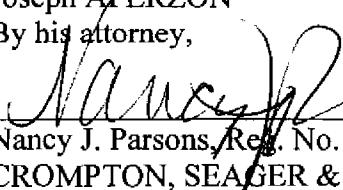
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Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests a status report for the above-referenced patent application. Upon review of the file, there has been no action from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office since October 20, 2005, with publication of the aforementioned application. If a telephone conference might be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at (612) 677-9050.

Respectfully submitted,  
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